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**IDS TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(a),(c) and (d), the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed herewith is submitted concurrently with Applicant's Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Further, Applicant respectfully submits:

1. A fee payment of \$180 is hereby submitted as required under 37 CFR § 1.17(p); and
2. No item cited in the IDS was known to anyone associated with the present application more than three (3) months before filing the IDS. 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(2).

THEREFORE, the IDS filed herewith shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made. 37 CFR 1.97(g). FURTHER, THEREFORE, the IDS filed herewith shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b). 37 CFR § 1.97(h).

Two foreign patents are cited to indicate favorable patentability. In addition, evidence of copying was determined to be material to patentability and thus is being submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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